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## REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002, Applicant's attorney requests that the date for responding to the Office Action be extended three months to and including February 10, 2003. Please charge the statutory fee under 37 CFR § 1.17 to Deposit Account 23-3030. Additionally, please deposit any overpayments and charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account 23-3030, but do not include any payment of issue fees that are or may become due.

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